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and high school at Fayetteville, West Virginia; graduated in mechanical and electrical engineering at Scranton, Pennsylvania; learned the machinist's trade in the South Side Foundry and Machine Works at Charleston, West Virginia; married Mayme Price of Charleston, November 6, 1913; came to Sioux City in 1907, and established Moore's Machine Works there, of which he was the owner and operator; a Methodist and a Democrat; served as state representative from Woodbury county in the Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth extra session and the Forty-seventh General Assemblies of Iowa, and was a member of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association; survived by his widow, who resides at 5043 W. A. street, Ontario, California.

EDWARD M. MYERS, physician, surgeon and public official, died December 11, 1955, at Boone, Iowa; born in 1872, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; came to Boone in 1902 after graduation in 1900, from medical school at Northwestern University, Chicago, and continued in the medical practice at Boone until November, 1941, when he was appointed superintendent of the state hospital and school at Woodward, Iowa, continuing in that capacity 11 years; was president of the state medical society in 1937 and 1938; named president of the state board of health in 1934 and served a number of years in that capacity; also served as state chairman of the American College of Surgeons; was past president of the Boone county medical society, the second president of the Boone Rotary club and a past exalted ruler of the Boone Elks lodge; preceded in death by his wife, his parents and a brother, John Myers of Des Moines; survived by two sons, Edward M. Myers, jr., and John Ross Myers of Boone, two grandsons, Edward M. Myers III of Boone and John Gregory Myers of Dallas, Texas, and a brother, Charles Haven Myers of Friday Harbor, Wash.

JOHN A. GRAHAM, lawyer, publisher and legislator, died at Audubon, Iowa, December 11, 1955; born on a farm in Audubon county June 14, 1875; attended Audubon high school and Iowa State College at Ames; was graduated from the Drake University law college in 1897; married Anne Kroeger in 1899; founded the old *Audubon Advocate* newspaper; from 1902 to 1910 published the *O'Brien County Democrat* at Primghar; in 1910 returned to Audubon to practice law with his son, Mel M. Graham; later served as mayor of Audubon and county attorney three terms; elected as state representative in 1938 and served in the Forty-eighth General Assembly; also was a member of the state board of bar examiners for several years and served as county chairman of the IERA;

survivors include a son, Mel, Audubon attorney, former state representative and now a member of the Iowa highway commission, and two daughters, Zelwyn Graham of Audubon and Mrs. Milton Krasne of Omaha, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

KENNETH WILLIAM MAINLAND, executive and specialist in fats and oils, International Co-operative Administration, died at Washington, D.C., of a heart attack at his office, December 5, 1955; born at Clinton, Iowa, in 1896; was graduated from the University of Wisconsin; a veteran of World War I, having served in the army; lived at Kansas City, Mo., being in the food manufacturing industry in the Middle West before going to Washington in 1943; first government job was as business analyst with the office of Price Administration; helped plan and administer the wartime food rationing program; joined the staff of the International Emergency Food Council under the United Nations Food and Agricultural Committee in 1945, and had been with ICA since 1948; was chief of the Fats, Oils, Protein and Seeds Branch in the Office of Food and Agriculture as a specialist for food and relief agencies; surviving are his widow, Esther, a son Keith at home, and two brothers, Irvine of Memphis, Tenn., and Russell E. Mainland, Evanston, Ill.

BLAINE SPRAY SMITH, cement manufacturer, died at New Rochelle, New York, October 27, 1955; born at Alta, Iowa, son of William Peter and Christina Gunn Smith; removed with parents to Chicago and educated in public schools of that city where he grew to manhood; married Marie Mary Powell, November 15, 1914; associated with C. & N. W. Railway, Chicago, 1898-1908; salesman of Universal Portland Cement Co., Chicago, latterly a vice-president, 1908-28; president of Penn-Dixie Cement Corp., New York, 1928-36; president and director Universal Atlas Cement Co., New York, since 1936; director of Walworth Company and former director of United States Steel Corporation; director and past president of Portland Cement Association; member of United States Chamber of Commerce, American Society for Testing Materials and American Concrete Institute; a member of the Episcopal church and a Republican; resided at 50 Rockledge Drive, Pelham Manor, New York, with offices in New York, N. Y.; survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Anson W. Krickl and Mrs. Arthur F. Hetherington.

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